

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A detector (~~100; 200; 300; 400; 500; 600; 700; 800; 900~~) for detecting electromagnetic radiation, comprising a semiconductor or a semiconductor junction formed by a substrate (~~110; 310; 410; 510; 610~~) and a layer (~~120; 320; 420; 520; 620~~) arranged on said substrate (~~110; 310; 410; 510; 610~~), a first electrode (~~130; 230; 330; 430; 530; 630; 730; 830; 930~~) having a first end (~~131; 231; 331; 431; 531; 631~~) and a second end (~~132; 232; 332; 432; 532; 632~~) arranged as an output end, and a second electrode (~~140; 240; 340; 440; 540; 640; 740; 840; 940~~) adjacent to said first electrode (~~130; 230; 330; 430; 530; 630; 730; 830; 930~~), said electrodes (~~130; 230; 330; 430; 530; 630; 730; 830; 930; 140; 240; 340; 440; 540; 640; 740; 840; 940~~) being arranged on the layer (~~120; 320; 420; 520; 620~~), and separated by an exposed area (~~160; 260; 360; 460; 560; 660; 760; 860; 960~~) of said layer (~~120; 320; 420; 520; 620~~) arranged to receive electromagnetic radiation (~~150; 250; 350; 450; 550; 750; 850; 950~~), where received radiation (~~150; 250; 350; 450; 550; 750; 850; 950~~) is transformed by said semiconductor junction and said electrodes (~~130; 230; 330; 430; 530; 630; 730; 830; 930; 140; 240; 340; 440; 540; 640; 740; 840; 940~~) to a travelling microwave propagating towards the output end (~~132; 232; 332; 432; 532; 632~~),
characterised in that wherein:

said electrodes (~~130; 230; 330; 430; 530; 630; 730; 830; 930; 140; 240; 340; 440; 540; 640; 740; 840; 940~~) are arranged essentially parallel to the surface of said substrate (~~110; 310; 410; 510; 610~~) for receiving radiation (~~150; 250; 350; 450; 550; 750; 850; 950~~) having an angle of incident with respect to the surface of said substrate (~~110; 310; 410; 510; 610~~), and a tapered structure (~~130; 230; 330; 430; 530; 630; 730; 830; 930; 470; 570; 670; 970~~) is arranged on the substrate (~~110; 310; 410; 510; 610~~) so as to slow down a signal received from said radiation (~~150; 250; 350; 450; 550; 750; 850; 950~~) at a given cross section of said first electrode (~~130; 230; 330; 430; 530; 630; 730; 830; 930~~), compared to signals received at any preceding cross section of said first electrode (~~130; 230; 330; 430; 530; 630; 730; 830; 930~~) more distant from the output (~~132; 232; 332; 432; 532; 632~~) of the first electrode (~~130; 230; 330; 430; 530; 630; 730; 830; 930~~), so that the phase difference between said received signals is reduced or

eliminated at the output ~~(132; 232; 332; 432; 532; 632)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) A detector ~~(100; 200; 300; 600; 700; 800; 900)~~ according to claim 1 *characterised in that wherein:*

a tapered structure is formed by tapering said first electrode ~~(130; 230; 330; 630; 730; 830; 930)~~ to reduce the phase velocity of a signal received from said travelling wave at a given cross section of the tapered electrode ~~(130; 230; 330; 630; 730; 830; 930)~~, compared to the phase velocity of signals received at any preceding cross section of said tapered electrode ~~(130; 230; 330; 630; 730; 830; 930)~~ more distant from the output ~~(132; 232; 332; 632)~~ of said tapered electrode ~~(130; 230; 330; 630; 730; 830; 930)~~, so that the phase difference between said signals received from said travelling wave by said tapered electrode ~~(130; 230; 330; 630; 730; 830; 930)~~ is reduced or eliminated at said output ~~(132; 232; 332; 632)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) A detector ~~(100; 200; 400; 500)~~ according to claims 1–2 *characterised in that wherein:*

said second electrode ~~(140; 240; 440; 540)~~ has an elongated *opening* into which at least one first electrode ~~(130; 230; 430; 530)~~ extends, where the area between said electrodes ~~(130; 230; 430; 530; 140; 240; 440; 540)~~ is occupied with an exposed area ~~(160; 260; 460; 560)~~ of the layer ~~(120; 320; 420; 520)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) A detector ~~(300; 600)~~ according to claim 2 *characterised in that wherein:*

said second electrode ~~(340; 640)~~ is tapered.

5. (Currently Amended) A detector ~~(300; 600)~~ according to claim 4 *characterised in that wherein:*

said first electrode ~~(330; 630)~~ and said second electrode ~~(340; 640)~~ are separated and substantially surrounded by an exposed area ~~(360; 660)~~ of the layer ~~(320; 620)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) A detector (~~100; 200; 300; 400; 500; 600; 700; 800; 900~~) according to claims 2–5

~~characterised in that~~wherein:

said tapering is one of a triangular, stepwise or trapezium shape, where said shape can have chamfered or rounded parts/sections.

7. (Currently Amended) A detector (~~700; 800; 900~~) according to claims 1, ~~2~~ and 6

~~characterised in that~~wherein:

several first electrodes (~~730; 830; 930~~) are arranged in a substantially symmetrical pattern around a centre (~~791; 891; 991; 892; 992~~) so as to cancel or reduce noise detected by the electrodes (~~730; 830; 930~~), where at least one second electrode (~~740; 840; 940~~) is arranged between every two first electrodes (~~730; 830; 930~~), and an exposed area (~~760; 860; 960~~) of said layer is arranged between said electrodes (~~730; 830; 930; 740; 840; 940~~).

8. (Currently Amended) A detector (~~100; 200; 300; 400; 500; 600; 700; 800; 900~~) according to claim 1–7

~~characterised in that~~wherein:

said substrate (~~110; 310; 410; 510; 610~~), layer (~~120; 320; 420; 520; 620~~) and electrodes (~~130; 230; 330; 430; 530; 630; 730; 830; 930; 140; 240; 340; 440; 540; 640; 740; 840; 940~~) are arranged as a coplanar structure.

9. (Currently Amended) A detector (~~100; 200; 300; 400; 500; 600~~) according to claim 1–8

~~characterised in that~~wherein:

said layer (~~120; 320; 420; 520; 620~~) is a photosensitive layer.

10. (Currently Amended) A detector ~~(400; 500; 600; 900)~~ according to claim 1-9

~~characterised in that~~wherein:

a tapered structure is formed by a tapered delay network ~~(470; 570; 670; 970)~~ arranged on said electrodes ~~(430; 530; 630; 930; 440; 540; 640; 940)~~ to delay the arrival of the received radiation ~~(450; 550; 950)~~ at a given cross section of said first electrode ~~(430; 530; 630; 930)~~, compared to the arrival at any preceding cross section of said first electrode ~~(430; 530; 630; 930)~~ more distant from the output ~~(432; 532; 632)~~ of said first electrode ~~(430; 530; 630; 930)~~, so that the phase difference between the signals received by the first electrode ~~(430; 530; 630; 930)~~ from said radiation ~~(450; 550; 950)~~ is reduced or eliminated at the output ~~(432; 532; 632)~~.

11. (Currently Amended) A detector ~~(400; 500; 600; 900)~~ according to claim 10

~~characterised in that~~wherein:

said tapered delay network ~~(470; 570; 670; 970)~~ is transparent or semitransparent for the incident radiation wave ~~(450; 550; 950)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) A detector ~~(400; 500; 600; 900)~~ according to claim 10

~~characterised in that~~wherein:

said tapered delay network ~~(470; 570; 670; 970)~~ is made of a substance that is transparent to the received radiation ~~(450; 550; 950)~~.

13. (Currently Amended) A detector ~~(400; 500; 600; 900)~~ according to claim 10

~~characterised in that~~wherein:

said tapering is one of a triangular, stair-like, stepwise or trapezium shape, where said shape can have chamfered or rounded parts/sections.

14. (Currently Amended) A detector (~~400; 500; 600; 900~~) according to claim 10

~~characterised in that~~wherein:

said tapering of the delay network (~~470; 570; 670; 970~~) has a phase matching condition for each step given as:

$$\Delta y_{i+1} = \Delta t_{ewi} V_o = \frac{c_o}{n} \Delta t_{ewi}.$$

15. (Currently Amended) A receiver, a transmitter or a transceiver

comprising

a detector (~~100; 200; 300; 400; 500; 600; 700; 800; 900~~) according to ~~any preceding~~
~~claim~~claim 1.